

Specification Amendments

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 18 and 19 with the following amended paragraph:

Differential output drivers such as drivers 38 and 42 can also be adjusted to reduce mismatch between the common-mode voltage V_{CM} at the output driver and the common-mode voltage level being used at the corresponding input driver. In DC-coupled systems, ~~is~~ if these voltages are not the same, a DC current will flow along the communications path linking the transmitter and receiver. This DC current will lead to undesirable power losses. Moreover, if the values of V_{CM} differ too much between the output driver and the input driver, the common DC level to which these voltages settle may not even be valid at either the output driver or the input driver, preventing proper communications.